

1. (Presently Amended) An eyeglass retainer configured to retain an eyeglass in a desired position on the body of a user, ~~the eyeglass having first and second temples and first and second earpieces coupled to respective temples,~~ the eyeglass retainer comprising:

a cord having a first end and a second end;

first means coupled to the first end of the cord for selectively coupling to one of (i) a first temple of an eyeglass; and (ii) a first earpiece coupled to the first temple of the eyeglass, ~~wherein the first earpiece of the eyeglass is selectively received and retained within a chamber of the first means for selectively coupling; and~~

second means coupled to the second end of the cord for selectively coupling to one of (i) a second temple of an eyeglass; and (ii) a second earpiece coupled to the second temple of the eyeglass, ~~wherein the second earpiece of the eyeglass is selectively received and retained within a chamber of the second means for selectively coupling wherein each of the first and second means for selectively coupling comprises a hollow member configured to receive an eyeglass earpiece therein, wherein an opening extends through the hollow member, the opening comprising:~~

(A) a hole extending through the hollow member; and

(B) a slit extending through the hollow member, the slit being oriented adjacent the hole.

2. (Presently Amended) An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 1, wherein the first means for selectively coupling; and the second means for selectively coupling comprise a first and second connector, respectively.

3. **(Presently Amended)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 2, wherein each of the openings is first and second connectors has:
- (i) ~~a hollow chamber configured to receive an eyeglass earpiece therein; and~~
 - (ii) an expandable opening ~~communicating with the hollow chamber.~~
4. **(Original)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 1, wherein adhesive connects the first and second ends of the cord to respective first and second connectors.
5. **(Original)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 1, wherein the eyeglass retainer retains an eyeglass on the head of a wearer.
6. **(Original)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 1, wherein the eyeglass retainer suspends an eyeglass from the neck of a wearer.
7. **(Previously Amended)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 1, wherein each means for coupling is non-integrally connected to its corresponding end of the cord.

8. (Presently Amended) An eyeglass retainer configured to retain an eyeglass in a desired position on the body of a user, ~~the eyeglass having first and second temples and first and second earpieces coupled to respective temples,~~ the eyeglass retainer comprising:

a cord having a first end and a second end;

a first connector coupled to the first end of the cord; and

a second connector coupled to the second end of the cord, wherein each of the first and second connectors is configured to selectively couple to one of (i) a temple of an eyeglass; and (ii) an earpiece of said eyeglass, wherein each of the first and second connectors comprise a hollow member configured to receive an eyeglass earpiece therein, wherein an opening extends through a wall of the hollow member, the hollow member configured such that the earpiece can be selectively moved from within the hollow member through the opening such that the temple of the eyeglass is mounted within the opening, wherein the hollow member grips the earpiece when the earpiece is mounted within the hollow member and grips the temple when the temple is mounted within the opening.

9. (Cancelled)

10. **(Presently Amended)** An eyeglass retainer configured to retain an eyeglass in a desired position on the body of a user, the eyeglass retainer comprising:
- a cord having a first end and a second end;
 - a first connector coupled to the first end of the cord; and
 - a second connector coupled to the second end of the cord, wherein ~~each of the first and second connectors~~ has:
- (i) a hollow chamber configured to receive ~~and retain~~ an eyeglass earpiece therein; and
 - (ii) an opening communicating with the hollow chamber, the opening configured such that the eyeglass earpiece can be selectively moved from the chamber through the opening such that ~~a temple~~ of the eyeglass is mounted within the opening, wherein the opening has a hole having a slit adjacent thereto.
11. **(Presently Amended)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 10, wherein each ~~opening comprises a hole having a slit adjacent thereto~~ the second connector has:
- (i) a hollow chamber configured to receive an eyeglass earpiece therein; and
 - (ii) an opening communicating with the hollow chamber, the opening configured such that the eyeglass earpiece can be selectively moved from the chamber through the opening such that a temple of the eyeglass is mounted within the opening, wherein the opening comprises a hole having a slit adjacent thereto.

12. **(Presently Amended)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim ~~11~~10, wherein the slit communicates with the hole, such that the slit expands as an earpiece extends through the hole.

13. **(Original)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 10, wherein the eyeglass retainer is configured such that the retainer connectors selectively grip at least one of: (i) first and second earpieces of an eyeglass; and (ii) first and second temples of an eyeglass.

14. **(Presently Amended)** An eyeglass retainer configured to retain an eyeglass in a desired position on the body of a user, the eyeglass having an eyeglass frame comprising a first temple, a first earpiece coupled to the first temple, a second temple, and a second earpiece coupled to the temple, the eyeglass retainer comprising:

a cord having a first end and a second end;

a first connector coupled to the first end of the cord; and

a second connector coupled to the second end of the cord, wherein each of the first and second connectors has:

(i) a tubular wall defining a hollow chamber configured to receive an eyeglass earpiece therein; and

(ii) an opening extending through the tubular wall, the opening comprising:

(A) a hole extending through the tubular wall; and

(B) a slit extending through the tubular wall, the slit being oriented adjacent the hole.

15. **(Original)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 14, wherein the slit and the hole are in communication with each other.

16. **(Original)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 14, wherein the slit expands as an earpiece that is larger than the hole extends through the opening.

17. **(Presently Amended)** An eyeglass retainer configured to retain an eyeglass in a desired position on the body of a user, the eyeglass having an eyeglass frame comprising a first temple, a first earpiece coupled to the first temple, a second temple, and a second earpiece coupled to the temple, the eyeglass retainer comprising:

a cord having a first end and a second end;

a first connector coupled to the first end of the cord; and

a second connector coupled to the second end of the cord, wherein each of the first and second connectors has:

(i) a tubular wall defining a hollow chamber configured to receive an eyeglass earpiece therein; and

(ii) ~~a single expandable opening extending through the tubular wall~~ hole extending through the tubular wall; and

~~_____ (iii) a slit extending through the tubular wall.~~

18. **(Presently Amended)** A retainer as recited in claim 17, wherein ~~the expandable opening of each connector comprises:~~

~~(A) a hole extending through the tubular wall; and~~

~~_____ (B) a slit extending through the tubular wall, the slit communicating with the hole such that the slit expands as an earpiece that is larger than the hole extends through the opening~~
the slit communicates with the hole such that the slit expands as an earpiece that is larger than the hole that extends through the opening.

19. **(Presently Amended)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 17~~4~~8, wherein the slit and the hole are in communication with each other.

20. **(Presently Amended)** An eyeglass retainer as recited in claim 17~~4~~8, wherein the slit expands as an earpiece that is larger than the hole extends through the opening.

21. **(Presently Amended)** An eyeglass ~~retainer~~ kit configured to enable the retention of an eyeglass in a desired position on the body of a user, the eyeglass ~~retainer~~ kit comprising:

an eyeglass having first and second temples and first and second earpieces coupled to respective temples; and

an eyeglass ~~retainer~~ comprising:

a cord having a first end and a second end;

a first connector coupled to the first end of the cord; and

a second connector coupled to the second end of the cord, wherein ~~each of the~~ first ~~and second~~ connectors is configured: (i) to selectively receive and retain a temple of the eyeglass; and (ii) to selectively receive and retain an earpiece of said eyeglass, wherein the first connector has (A) a hollow member configured to receive an eyeglass earpiece therein; and (B) an opening communicating with the hollow member such that the eyeglass earpiece can be selectively moved from the hollow member through the opening such that a temple of the eyeglass is mounted within the opening, the connector gripping the earpiece when the earpiece is mounted in the chamber and the connector gripping the temple when the temple is mounted within the opening.

22. **(Presently Amended)** A method for retaining an eyeglass in a desired position on the body of a user, the eyeglass having first and second temples and first and second earpieces coupled to respective temples, the method for retaining the eyeglass comprising:

providing an eyeglass retainer comprising:

a cord having a first end and a second end;

a first connector coupled to the first end of the cord; and

a second connector coupled to the second end of the cord, wherein each of the first and second connectors is configured (i) to selectively receive and retain a temple of the eyeglass; and (ii) to selectively receive and retain an earpiece of said eyeglass; and

inserting first and second earpieces of an eyeglass into respective first and second connectors of the eyeglass retainer, wherein each of the first and second connectors has a hole therein and a slit therein adjacent to the hole.

23. **(Previously Presented)** A method as recited in claim 22, further comprising selectively moving the first and second temples of the eyeglass through respective openings in the first and second connectors.

24. **(New)** A kit as recited in claim 21, wherein the first connector has a hole therein and a slit therein adjacent to the hole.

25. **(New)** A kit as recited in claim 21, wherein each of the first and second connectors has a hole therein and a slit therein adjacent to the hole.

26. (New) A kit as recited in claim 21, wherein the connector frictionally grips the eyeglass when the temple is mounted within the opening.